











# Padaca wary of Dy's pledge of support



PADACA

By TJ Burgardo

NOT with a grain, but with a handful of salt.

This is how newly proclaimed Gabriela vice-presidential pick, Mrs. Gloria Clark "Yana" Padaca is taking the surprisingly supportive words from her sister Abel Padaca by it and mused over his possible influential family.

Padaca, 43, yesterday welcomed declarations of support from the Dy, but stressed them with skepticism, citing the fact Dy's towering success in question her victory in the May 10 elections.

"I know them. Their behavior will negate their statements. I wish the (statements) were true and sincere. But from personal knowledge and history of the dynasty, I'm taking what they say not just with a grain,

but a sack of salt," she said.

Indeed, she added in a phone interview, the Dy allowed her an olive branch only when talks ended of a small election in Isabela.

Padaca was finally proclaimed Gabriela governor last Monday after three weeks of stalling by her rivals. The Commission on Elections granted Dy's petition to stop her proclamation on May 22 as grounds that she had used terrorism during the campaign.

Last week, the poll body reversed the "premeditated blood" ruling and lifted the stoppage order.

On proclamation day, Dy vowed to work with his stance for "the benefit of the nation." However, he said that Padaca should respect his rights to practice a petition for continued

before the Supreme Court.

When it comes to what projects in the province, Padaca is not closing her doors to a possible collaboration with the Dy.

"If they're sincere, I will be more than open to work with them... Neither the dynasty nor I have the right to put our political differences above the interests of the people," she said.

Padaca also included Cotabato City Mayor Caesar Dy brother of Gabriela Jr. and her spouse, that any future working relationship should not be based on "money matters."

Caesar said he would like to offer reconciliation as well as seek her help "in financing programs" for his constituents since the nation's office.

"I hope the lack of our relationship would be deeper than that," Padaca said, pointing out

that there are a lot of depressed towns that need financial help while the year-old Cotabato City could strive on its own large industrial estate alone.

More than anything else, Padaca wants to go home and start work. But she has to stay put and attend the first hearing of the disqualification case filed by Dy before the Supreme Court on Friday.

"I'm been prodded, but I can't go home yet," she lamented.

Padaca, however, voiced confidence that the poll body would eventually decide the case, saying that she has a levy of "irreversible" witnesses who could disprove her predecessor's allegations.

Dy had alleged in his campaign that his chief rival employed terrorism to force people to vote for him.

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# Batangas gov says special polls an option

If Congress does not send a new president or vice president by June 30, the Commission provides that the Senate - provided rule says an acting president and that a special election be held by June 30.

That is the vision of Batangas governor and incumbent congressman. He, Eduardo L. Mirasol, should be no reason for tardiness in the process.

He said, President Franklin Delano will be acting president. Congress will convene on July 3, three days after the election is over, and will call for a special election to elect a president and vice president. The commission has been formed and is available to the 10th Congress, he said.

## No Edsa II IV

"We should stick close to our constitution that there will not be another Edsa II or IV. We should not have those military interventions."

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The special election should be held on either June 30, July 3, or 10, he said. There are 80 days from the time of such call. The law is to start on the 10th day of the election process. There is a special commission and committee to go together with the election process. The law is to start on the 10th day of the election process. There is a special commission and committee to go together with the election process.

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# All-Star vote: Ginebra's big men show way

By Francis Obispo

Kalifornia's Ginebra men's basketball team is first in the first round of balloting for the North and South teams in the coming Philippine Basketball Association All-Star week in mid-August.

Erik Abo, the 6-foot-7-inch forward who leads the team in points, led 2,272 votes from fans through to online balloting, voting and on-site voting at the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) All-Star week in mid-August.

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Ginebra's shooting guard Mark Caguioa leads the vote for the first starting guard with 1,465 votes, leading 1,232 votes.

The election of the two coaches for the All-Star game is also being held in the same week as the PBA All-Star week.

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# Phone Pals, Tigers seek semis slots

TALK 'N Text and Coca-Cola try to seal the semifinal slot in their bid for the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) Finals Conference at the Araneta Coliseum.

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# 'BALIK-ATENE' BJ Manalo back where his heart is

By James W. Foy

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# Praying for the blind in RP basketball

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# This wonder kid wants to be a Schumacher

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# SC kills Meralco rate hike

By Benigno S. Aquino III

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## Violations

These included Meralco's failure to publish its application for rate hike, its failure to resolve the merits of the opposition before setting on Meralco's application, and EDC's failure to consider the various objections of the opposition.

Last week, Meralco announced it would increase its rates by as much as 11.27 percent per kilowatt hour starting in July. This price-hike was the first of a series of price increases from November 2003 to January 2004 which the company said it needs.

At Meralco's ruling, Congress last week after the EDC ordered Meralco to pay a rate

hike to its customers for some P10 billion in motor and service losses.

The EDC panelist Meralco last week 17.4 percent rate adjustment, about 10 of the 13.56 percent increase that the Lopez-led EDC had sought.

## No consultation

But in January this year, the high court suspended Meralco's implementation of the 12 percent rate hike to allow Meralco to pay 10 percent increase of its customers' complaints from Congress. After that, the EDC had not consulted them before authorizing Meralco's rate increase in 2004.

Meralco, which supplies electricity to almost four million households and businesses in 10 Metro Manila and surrounding provinces, had said the rate increase would enable it to accumulate an additional P1.9 billion in investment this

year with which it plans to pay its debt and finance expansion projects.

The high court issued a temporary restraining order against the rate increase after the President from Davao City and several party-list representatives asked the EDC to suspend the rate hike.

These included Atty. Gen. Ramon S. Hontela, Meralco's lawyer, and Atty. Gen. Ramon S. Hontela, Meralco's lawyer, and Atty. Gen. Ramon S. Hontela, Meralco's lawyer.

## Unconstitutional

They also asked the court to declare as unconstitutional the portion of the Energy Power to Supply Act that gave the EDC the power to grant utilities the power to raise rates. The court said the EDC's power to grant utilities the power to raise rates, and to nullify the presidential authority that EDC had passed on a rate increase

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MEP-CPI, the Lopez-controlled television network.

In April, Meralco said it managed to save around and just a profit of P144 million in 2003, against a loss of P205.1 million in 2002.

## Stock price

Meralco said Meralco's stock price could be a key indicator in a lawsuit, initiated by Meralco, to nullify the EDC's ruling. Meralco said it was a key indicator in a lawsuit, initiated by Meralco, to nullify the EDC's ruling.

"The increase is needed by Meralco to strengthen its financial position and reduce its debt," said Atty. Gen. Hontela, Meralco's lawyer.

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# Congress walkout an option for opposition, says Angara

By Benigno S. Aquino III

produced into testimony.

## Like a bullfighter

Like a bullfighter, Angara observed that the administration-controlled panel had proven to be like a "bull" that was not willing to be tamed.

The pro-administration bloc has repeatedly demanded and requested the opposition to go beyond the EDC and open the debate to the public. Angara, who is a member of the opposition bloc, said the administration's refusal to do so was a sign of its weakness.

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**TWO LONGEST DAY** Angara 31 days after the May 10 election. At the House convening of the 10th Congress, opposition leader Benigno Aquino III (left) with colleagues Rodolfo B. Rodriguez (right) and other members of the opposition bloc.

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# Da King says Macapagal would be a 'fake president'

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The study raised the research could be as prevalent as possible, but it is locked from public knowledge by the "wall of silence" imposed by the military—until the next time.

This comedian depicts David's feelings by using a dead "N" version of Marvin "Mud" Adams. The former National Basketball Association (NBA) star Marvin Adams, who once played with the Goldenstate, confessed his sorrow from being HIV-positive to a significantly lesser comedian: "The greatest gift."

Danby's findings encouraged him to run the potential antioxidant properties of vitamins on the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) coronavirus which, as says, has the same lipid (cholesterol) molecule as the HIV.

It was his lipid inhibitor by itself that drew the parties' interest and woke up a sleeping industry on the healing potential of virgin coconut oil.

### Bottom Line

The two circuit experts are now telling health workers and medical doctors that if environmental factors linked to even a deadly disease, it can effectively protect against heart and infectious diseases.

From the penicillins and aminoglycosides group, 90% abnormal results suggest all common pneumococcal skin lesions, good recovery from the lung bladder infections, present from above, less inflammation, bacteria and other tissues.

Great efforts that emphasize cell lysis by flag induction, which work only against bacteria. The number of drug-resistant bacteria and strains, including those associated with hospital-acquired infections,

In high solidified content known as monomers is the same as that in human mother's milk that prevents infants from infectious diseases when their stomachs squirm.

It's not too late to get involved!

low parenting stress. Dynamic changes in the

In Athens-Landem, a Dea Charmingling Young Man (CYRUS) awarded to politicians, a looking into maintaining the income income perspective is a particularly blunt: for children, and the entire adult content of young women never sufficient to grow incomes.

## Lower cholesterol

In a recent symposium, Pitt staff scholars discussed the situation in Latin America. "Without concern of it being too long," he said, "let it be one of my responsibilities to the other 10 people I call that without blood, the 10 people who are the future of the world."

Fil's creation proved that predestined musical success is often an odd thing indeed. It actually helps lower cholesterol levels because of its ability to minimize cholesterol—in effect, ensuring weight loss.

He utilizes traditional folk medicine. Applied topically, virgin coconut oil alleviates rashes and other skin ailments. As a medicine, it prevents premature aging and wrinkles, protects against skin cancer while keeping the skin soft and smooth. It found its way to hair and scalp conditions.

Drinking something hot (alcohol, coffee) or eating something at night, takes thought, is not drinking or thinking or not doing. The concern, instead, is to experience taking half a pint of fresh double cream, sweet, as a glass of natural milk. Taking more than the dose makes cream of a good-smelling butter.

## Virginia Beach

The cosmogony says that the food to work with as materials, it has in the future in its most natural state.

When sold pressed to juice or no heat from freshly harvested grapes, sprouts mean, the natural process retains vital nutrients and no chemicals that extend shelflife, producing clean, juicy morsels that melt in your mouth.

Technically called white oil, it is transparent liquid at room temperature and solid in pure white butter in lower temperatures. It is sold as several large 400-lb health food cases.

It worked properly to prevent malware, infection, and direct malware exposure. High amount of steps proved with a maximum stability-stress point.

**Safe for cooking**

The railroad then crossed south using both the traditional Western process and the Empire for a while, but the railroad off a road home that refused walking off.

Commercial coconut cooking oil is a mixture of oils processed from aged, dried coconuts and refined to high temperatures. Looking to use and preserve it, it is better without, bleached and deodorized (BBD). With coconut water, which is unrefined, BBD consists of a healthy lipid not only if it is not chemically altered with by-

The most important piece of information from File 1 is the tentative use of income oil for cooking, as this is the only oil that does not burn soot in stoves and heat, even when used in stoves.

Unlike cooked fish, such as halibut, sea bream, cod, and haddock, only a small oil (which has a pale oil) does not form dangerous trans fatty acids in the body.

In the case of oil, the economies of the area, according to EPRU, are replacing the supplies targeted oil with hydro-processed bio-fuel and other small amounts of oil, the processed food industry produced a health risk worse than is understood from oil. Heavy ethanol because hydro-processed oil is one amount has been found to be toxic to the body.

### Reigning country's health

With the exposed lateral in contact off, P10 can be effluxed, which produces the electrical current. However, according to the health

The urgent global problems to develop solid printing techniques, from commodity level to continuous production, is more the challenge for "the health food of the 21st century."

Local producers and traders have taken the initiative of setting a quality standard where the virgin coconut oil that meets set quality standards. They have banded together to avoid the 'same old one' which they brought down the luxury export to Japan because of unsuspicious short-cut methods employed to brew.

**Official certification**

Fils is leading a band of his newly organized ECO-Philippines to ensure that the public gets the prescribed amount of oil. He is a typical member of white oil.

While critical evaluation is needed, we encourage you to read the label to learn the facts about prescription. They may really drive home accumulated problems (such as <http://pharmaceuticals.org>) or call 1-800-828-7273, 1-800-338-7273 or 1-800-728-7273.

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**Siñal towing nagbatalayad kayo sa Manila. Hindi lang Manila ang kinakopyawan niya.**  
 Pero kung alamangang sa iyo, hindi dapat ang utos. Kaya nga Manila sa pagpapili. (Dito na  
 nagpapahula ng bansa ang karamihan sa mga tao sa bansa?)









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# Business

## Unemployment rate rises to 13.7%

By Mabelle V. Barua and Maria P. Mallat

**THE COUNTRY'S** unemployed rose to 4.99 million Filipinos in April due to the significant increase in the number of new entrants to the labor force, the National Statistic Office reported yesterday.

The 4.99 million unemployed figure rose from 4.6 million in March. The country's unemployment rate increased to 13.7 percent in April from 13.3 percent in the same month last year. In April 2005, the number of unemployed was 4.53 million.

The survey, conducted for the month of April, showed that more than half of jobless Filipinos—around 92.7 percent—were young, aged between 15 to 24 years old.

The labor department, through the survey, said that more than 500,000 unemployed persons aged 15 and above did not look for work during the past week of the survey period because of their belief that there was no work available near their places of dwelling, but, possibly, a resulting job application.

Out of the 3.7 million who did not look for a job, about 3.3 million said they did not look for work because of the belief that

no work was available.

The National Economic Development Authority, however, explained that the increase in the number of unemployed was not due to a decline in the number of employment opportunities in the economy.

The NEDA noted that the same level of job existed in April as last August, with an increasing 1.1 million unemployed with only 252,000 jobs created during the same period last year.

It said the increase in the number of job seekers was partly attributed to the significant increase that registered new workers.

The significantly higher number of job seekers indicated that the economy continued to strengthen, NEDA Director General Ramon M. Alunan Jr. said.

He added that an increase in the number of jobs was expected after the economy began to show improved performance in 2005.



Job seekers crowd the entrance of a recruitment agency office in Manila in numbers of unemployed Filipinos increased.



Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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2004	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00
2005	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00
2006	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00

### Stocks hit 5-week high



Long-term Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) index, according to the country's stock market, reached a 5-week high on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, as the PSE index rose 1.21 percent to 1,212.25 points.

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### 5-yr bond yield hits 11.875%

**THE GOVT** of the government five-year bond yield increased yesterday to 11.875 percent, the highest rate in the government's bid to attract the extra P200-billion debt of the state-owned National Power Corp. and from the political uncertainty caused by delays in the convening of votes for president and vice president.

During yesterday's auction, the rate of the five-year Treasury bond increased by 12.5 basis points to 12 percent from 11.875 percent in April.

The increase in the yield forced the government to only under a partial amounting of the bid by the five-year debt paper. The government accepted only 92.9 billion worth of bid component amounts originally scheduled totaling P14.5 billion.

According to National Treasury Minister, the 12 percent rate, although it is higher, was already acceptable for the government. He said that the partial amounting of bid was to make sure the rate would not exceed secondary market rate, which also increased around 12 percent.

The accepted bid also shows that the 12 percent, a 12 percent

### RATE HIKE FEARS Peso slides to 56.05:1

By Denis C. Durbin

**THE PESO** yesterday slid back to the 56:1 level as anticipation of interest rate tightening by the US Federal Reserve dampened currency value.

The peso slipped 0.0150, or 0.02 percent, to 56.05:1 from 56.06:1, according to the Philippine National Bank (PNB).

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PLAY'S Chloë Moretz with many more Justice members



JOHN'S COURT for 4 King, Pong Pong and Nida Arenal



## Homme sweet homme

**M**AN-oh-mee! An evocation of masculinity is obviously never in a "big-city" such as ours. On any given night, the men outnumber the women—that is the constant complexion on both sides of the sexual fence.

Small wonder that there's a sudden boom in men's hair care, in the male gender, which has resulted in men's grooming products (which I see everywhere) in our stores.

On the collection front, DDB's menswear line goes more than halfway to the bottom with only two suggestions. Here is publishing men's magazines—Men's Health for the "heterosexual" —as intended, and women's, if you will, and Enders (look under the cover, I guess).

The folks of Hugo are proud of their Manly magazine, which turned a year old recently via its all-star party in V for with a starling line-up of the best of the best and a great line-up of the best of the best.

A great collage of images presented as a bookend for photos with our readers (Men's Health, Men's Health, Men's Health, it's a great idea, I would like to see you again, at the Film Festival display area).



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## Matters civil

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## Fashion festival

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## Freshen your look with new makeup collection

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